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CENTRAL VALLEY WATER BOARD EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUES CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER TO HETCH HETCHY WATER AND POWER FOR ILLEGAL GRADING

SACRAMENTO — Hetch Hetchy Water and Power, a department of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, has illegally graded Mitchell Ravine, a waterway in the State Department of Parks and Recreation's Carnegie State Vehicular Area in Alameda County.

The Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) to Hetch Hetchy Water and Power and to the State Department of Parks and Recreation for impacts to Mitchell Ravine caused by Hetch Hetchy's un-permitted grading activities during June 2008.

Hetch Hetchy Water and Power is primarily responsible for cleanup of the site because the department owns the easement in question and was responsible for the construction activity which destabilized the area. The State Department of Parks and Recreation, while not a party to the alleged illegal activities, is also named in the Order as Mitchell Ravine's primary landowner.

The CAO requires Hetch Hetchy to obtain all necessary permits and submit both short-term and long-term plans to stabilize the disturbed area. The short-term plans must be completed by November of this year to protect the watershed from winter rains. The long-term stabilization must be completed by September 2009.

The Central Valley Regional Water Board is working on this issue in conjunction with several other agencies, including the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Mitchell Ravine is a tributary to Corral Hollow Creek and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board is a California state agency tasked with preservation and enhancement of the quality of water resources.

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